

MINUTES

A SPECIAL ROOSEVELT FOREST COMMISSION MEETING WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2016 AT THE STRATFORD TOWN HALL IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 7:00 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Bob David; Chairman, Pete Mariconda; Vice Chairman, Chuck Emerson, Ed Bitsco, Bob Ford, Jim Brown, Ellen Scerba-Carey, Frank Bevacqua, Elaine Watson
Tina Manus, 10th District, Town Council, Allen Llewelyn, District 9 ~ Town Council

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Bob David, Chairman, Frank Bevacqua, Jim Brown, Bob Ford, Ellen Scerba-Carey, Allen Llewelyn, Ed Bitsco, Elaine Watson

CALL TO ORDER: 7: 09 P.M by Bob David, Chairman

OLD BUSINESS:

CULVERT - Bob David stated that the culvert is compromised. There is concern about flooding and/or Beavers. This project is out to bid by the town. It is scheduled to be done by July.

FRIENDS OF ROOSEVELT FOREST - Elaine stated that she did some research regarding setting up a sub-committee that will be known as the friends of Roosevelt Forest. She contact the state of Connecticut. They informed her that a 501C3 is needed to be set up. We will need a separate address and email address to do this. She spoke with David Write briefly regarding this. A motion was made by Jim Brown and seconded by Ellen Scerba-Carey for Elaine Watson to speak with David Wright in regards to supporting a 501c3 status for the Friends of Roosevelt Forest. The Motion was passed unanimously.

DOG PARK – SUB COMMITTEE – Members of the Dog Park sub-committee presented a presentation to the Roosevelt Forest Commission on the potential Dog Park. They stated that they feel that all four (4) town parks have the potential to contain a dog park. They are going to present this to all four (4) park commissions; get their feedback and then present all to the Town Council and let them decide where the best fit would be for the location of the dog park. Some members of the Roosevelt Forest Commission has some concerns. Such as: Due to urine and feces from the dogs, and the brook being so close by that it would change the Eco system of the Forest. There was also a concern regarding dogs

being there with their immunizations. This could be a problem for other dogs. They stated that they are looking into a key card system. The resident would have to apply for a key card for entrance to the dog park. They would have to proof that their dog is up to date on their immunizations.

The Dog Park committee stated many times that this is just the beginning stages of the planning. They are more than willing to work with the commission regarding the details of the park. This is merely to choose the location of the dog park. A roll-call was taken from the Roosevelt Forest Commission on if each member is for or against having the dog park in Roosevelt Forest.

Jim Brown – Yes

Ellen Scerba-Carey – Yes

Elaine Watson – No

Ed Bitsco – Yes

Bob David – Yes

Bob Ford – Yes

Frank Bevacqua – Yes

Tina Manus – Yes

Alan Llewelyn – No

A Motion was made by Elaine Watson and seconded by Jim Brown to recommend Roosevelt Forest to be considered that the Roosevelt Forest to be a viable location for a dog park. The Motion was passed unanimously.

CLOSURE OF ROOSEVELT FOREST – Due to the shooting range; Alan Llewelyn, Councilman 9th District. Updated the commission on the many days the forest has been closed. November – 8 days October – 14 days September – 13 days. The Commission feels this is way too many days for the Forest to be closed.

Bob David is going to ask the police department how many days was it closed for Stratford PD and how many for outside agencies. We also want to be sure that the days it is closed that David Wright is informed so he can post it on the town web-site.

TRAILS – Some Roosevelt Forest Committee members will meet at the Roosevelt Forest on Saturday, November 19, 2017 to complete the trail signage.

CAMARAS – Bob David stated there is no budget at this time for the cameras unfortunately.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resident Lou Loban 112A Fidler Green ask the committee for permission to do another Ultra Run in 2017. He asked for 04/22/2017 and 09/16/2017. He was given permission. He also stated that the run he did this year was a success. He also stated that he donated \$100.00 to the Roosevelt Forest.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn at 8:55 pm. By Alan Llewelyn and seconded by Ellen Scerba-Carey. Passed unanimously